

MINUTES OF THE  
MARICOPA ASSOCIATION OF GOVERNMENTS  
STREET COMMITTEE

September 12, 2000  
Valley Metro Offices, Conference Room 7A/B  
302 North First Avenue, Suite 700  
Phoenix, Arizona 85003

MEMBERS ATTENDING

Grant Anderson, Glendale, Chairman	Ron Krosting, Mesa
Jess Jarvis, ADOT	*Glenn Cornwell, Paradise Valley
Jim Badowich for William Bates, Avondale	Burton Charron, Peoria
Lloyd Page for Ty Hofflander, Chandler	Don Herp, Phoenix
*Carl Stephani, Gila Bend	*Bob Ronzo, Salt River Pima-Maricopa
Bruce Ward, Gilbert	Indian Community
Jason Beauliw for Charles Hydeman, Goodyear	Amy MacAulay, Scottsdale
Mark Johnson, Guadalupe	Eric Iwersen for Larry Shobe, Tempe
*Ralph Bossart, Litchfield Park	Manuel Dominguez for Ralph Velez, Tolleson
Thomas Madden for Chris Plumb, Maricopa County	*Jesse Mendez, Youngtown

\* Members neither present nor represented by Proxy

OTHERS PRESENT

Connie Brown, ADOT	Susan Conklu, Maricopa County
Jason Harris, ADOT	Kevin Wallace, Mesa
B.S.B. Murthy, ADOT	Joe La Fortune, Queen Creek
Bill Snarr, ADOT	Mike Connors, Lee Engineering
Deston Coleman, ADPS	Steve Tate, MAG
David Cano, Avondale	Paul Ward, MAG
Bud Rouse, Glendale	

1. Call to Order

The meeting was moved from the Saguaro Conference room to the offices of Valley Metro on the 7th floor due to ongoing construction involving the Saguaro room. The meeting was called to order by Chairman Grant Anderson at 1:39 p.m.

2. Approval of the July 11, 2000 Meeting Minutes

The July 11, 2000, meeting minutes were unanimously approved.

3. Call to the Audience and Stakeholders

There were no members of the public present to address the Committee.

4. Transportation Programming Manager's Report

Paul Ward briefly mentioned the closeout of the federal FY and reported that the final date for requesting obligation of projects was September 11, 2000. He also indicated that MAG is developing a request for proposals for the long range transportation plan update and that the Committee would periodically receive status reports on this project. Finally, Mr. Ward indicated that construction of the downstairs conference rooms was proceeding well and expected to be able to hold the next meeting in the Saguaro Room.

5. Report on the Status of Federally Funded Projects Programmed for Fiscal Years 2000 through 2002 and the Federal Fund Balances

Mr. Ward referred to Attachment One and reported that he understood that all of the projects that were expected to obligate in the current FY had done so and that the available obligation authority (OA) was expected to be zero. He thanked member agencies and especially ADOT Local Government Section staff for their assistance in achieving this goal. Jess Jarvis reported that the continuing cooperation between the two staffs was the main reason for the successful outcome and applauded MAG staff for their work. The Chairman also thanked both ADOT and MAG staff.

Mr. Ward indicated to members that future years' projects may be handled slightly differently and that members would be encouraged to have their projects better developed before obligation would occur. Mr. Ward pointed to two projects that had been obligated in FY 1999 that had not yet gone to bid. He suggested that this was not a good use of federal funds and that the project concerned should have been deferred, thereby allowing projects that were ready to go to utilize the funds. Mr. Ward indicated that he would join the ADOT Local Governments Engineer, Mr. Murthy, in visiting all MAG member agencies that had federally funded projects programmed in the first three years of the TIP. The aim of these visits would be to discuss the new recommended process and see how it could be better implemented, perhaps by setting time lines for the development of projects and to perhaps set milestones for phases of the development to occur.

6. Development of the Draft FY 2002-2006 MAG TIP

This agenda item was taken out of order to allow additional time for the copying of printed materials needed for agenda item #5. Stephen Tate indicated that MAG member agency requests for federally funded projects were due on September 11, 2000, and proceeded to list the total number of requests that had been received from each MAG member agency.

Mr. Ward then explained the process that he anticipated would be used to rank street projects for federal congestion mitigation air quality (CMAQ) funding. He indicated that prior to the Street Committee meeting on October 10, 2000, members would receive a listing of projects ranked by congestion management system score, as well as any additional project information that had been provided by MAG member agencies. At the meeting, members would individually rank projects, these individual rankings would then be combined into a composite ranking and the members

would than decide on a set of projects to recommend to the Transportation Review Committee.

Mr. Ward then asked if the Committee had suggestions for improving this method or had an alternative method that they preferred. The Chairman indicated that the revised CMAQ rating scores should be made available to the members. Mr. Jarvis suggested that projects should be mapped to show their relationship with each other and projects already programmed included in the TIP.

The Chairman encouraged members that they should come to the next Street Committee meeting prepared to select federally funded street projects for inclusion in the TIP.

7. Update on the Maricopa County Major Streets and Routes Plan

Susan Conklu, the Maricopa County project manager for the study, provided a brief overview. She indicated that the primary purpose of the study was to identify future rights-of-way needs for major County roads. She noted that this would help the County in the development process. She added that the project could result either in a modification of the County transportation plan or a County ordinance. The Chairman asked if all the cities and towns had been contacted concerning the study. Susan indicated that not all the cities and towns had yet been contacted.

Mike Connors, the consultant project manager for the study, stated that part of the study included gathering functional classification and right-of-way data from the cities and towns. Based on data received from the cities, the minimum right-of-way widths in the plan were the same or greater than those proposed by the cities and towns.

The Chairman indicated that the County was doing a poor job in communicating with the cities. He noted that the Committee had received a letter from the Town of Carefree that expressed some concerns about the study. Mike Connors indicated that he had not received the letter and that they would try to address the concerns of Carefree. Amy MacAulay asked who to contact concerning the study. Mr. Ward offered to serve as a conduit for any questions.

The Chairman suggested that there was little need for the study and that the ultimate right-of-way of roads should be the result of a negotiating process involving the cities. Ron Krosting suggested that it might be simpler to just assume a six-lane cross section for all major roadways.

Manuel Dominguez asked if the study was compatible with the County's Southwest Study. Mr. Connors indicated that, with the possible exception of the inclusion of some bicycle facilities, that it was compatible.

Mr. Krosting asked if the proposed classifications would be periodically updated and when this was likely to occur. Thomas Madden noted that the 2000 decennial census would probably trigger an update.

8. Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 2:38 p.m.